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Re: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,726 "A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING NITROGEN INTERFERENCE IN PYRO-ELECTROCHEMICAL METHODS" by John R. Rhodes; Confirmation No. 8318*
Attorney Docket No. SPE503/4-6CIPUS

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

1. Submission of Formal Drawings;
2. Figures 1 - 5 on 5 sheets; and
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Applicant hereby submits the formal drawings including 5 figures on 5 sheets pursuant to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on November 5, 2004.

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